**Hillsborough County Republican Committee**

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Dear Attorney Hesse:

I am writing to submit my public comment in support of the current settlement proposed in the case of *the United States v Microsoft*.

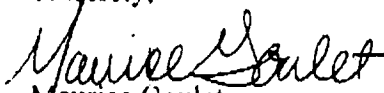
I have been following the case in the news and believe that its end is long overdue. Haven't we spent enough of the taxpayers' money on this case? The company should be allowed to get back to work on more important matters, like creating new products and focusing on their customers' needs.

During this economic downturn and as national security concerns rise, your efforts should be focused on prosecuting criminals that have a detrimental effect on the American people and our economy. Government should be encouraging companies like Microsoft by allowing the marketplace to police them, rather than subjecting them to government interference.

I am certain that the agreements reached in this settlement will ease the government's concerns about Microsoft. After all, if a number of the parties involved in this case can agree, doesn't that show that it is a good agreement?

To continue litigation against Microsoft at this time would be unnecessary and ultimately harmful to the American people. I urge you to approve this settlement quickly so we can all get back to work.

Sincerely,

  
Maurice Goulet  
Chairman

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